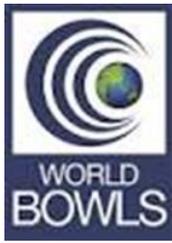




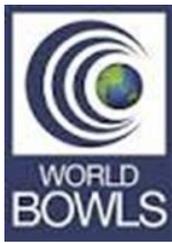
**Andy Ewens**



Officiating –

creating the framework for events to  
operate successfully

The role of the umpire and WB Laws  
Committee.



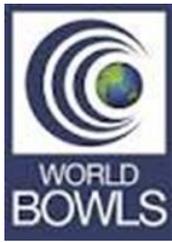
Why have an Umpire?

Do you really need us?

What is the game without the official?

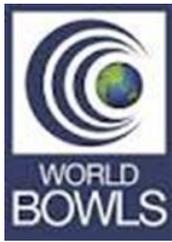
95% + can do without us because everybody knows the laws don't they?





## **How many instances of a "dead" bowl can you list?**

- 1 - bowl in ditch not a toucher,*
- 2 - bowl outside boundary,*
- 3 - bowl less than 14m from mat line*
- 4 – non-toucher rebounds from bank*
- 5 - on a wrong bias passes over the boundary*
- 6 - bowl on original course displaced by own player*
- 7 - bowl declared dead after a warning for foot faulting*
- 8 - bowl declared dead after a warning rink possession*



**How many trial ends can be bowled?**

*Law 5.1.1 one trial end **must** be played in each direction*

**A jack rebounds up the rink of play. What distance must it be from the mat?**

*Law 19.1.4 -20m measured in a straight line from the centre of the mat*



Enforce the laws of the sport?

43.2.5 The umpire must make sure that all aspects of play are in line with the Laws of the Sport

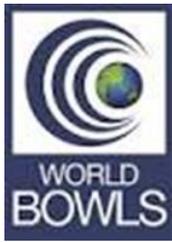


Volunteers?

A person who works for an organization without being paid. (*Oxford English Dictionary*)

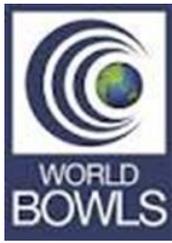
Human? Unlike bowlers they have on occasions been known to make mistakes





Why not?



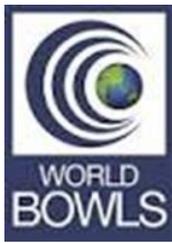


# Development

<b>Cyprus</b>	Atlantic Championships
<b>Wales</b>	ITO qualification
<b>England</b>	Growth of 12% in last 2 years

All positive for little or no cost

Train the trainers



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ITO's

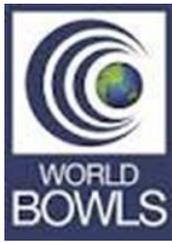


WB's website – [www.worldbowls.com](http://www.worldbowls.com)

Depository of Information

– what do you want to see?

Worldwide accreditation and qualification?

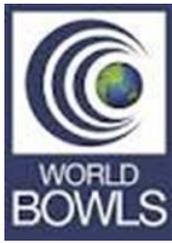


How many of you use your umpires when writing your competition rules?

How many of you use your umpires at your competitions?

What is a competent person?





## Laws Committee

Southern Hemisphere dominated – Not true

South Africa

Australia

Scotland

Canada

England



Chaired by Kerry Clarke New Zealand



Consider requests for law clarification or interpretation submitted to World Bowls by MNA's

We will not consider individual concerns

Review laws of the sport every 4 years but have the ability to implement change if and when it is thought necessary

Examples –

USA - omit to deliver bowl

England - groundsheets

WB's - timing at Atlantic Championships



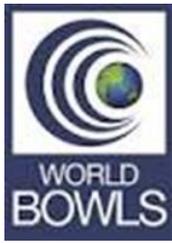
WB's umpires and Markers training DVD

WB's website

Support programme through Development  
Strategy

Need submission from countries

What do you want to see?



# Our difficulties

Thanks for giving the Aussies a chance to comment on their thoughts re umpires, etc.

Below is some feedback from the group. I have not edited in any way so you will see their thoughts 'straight from the horses mouth' so to speak.

1. I think some younger markers as in under say 50s they seem to obviously hear better, quicker moving, know when to enter the head
2. I feel that people are hesitant to call umpires in critical times due to the umpires making mistakes such as moving jacks
3. Sometimes it takes a while for umpires to come and measure or such because they can't hear or aren't readily available (already occupied) so perhaps more at an event. Or having umpires that know the rules (been in some situations where the umpire has no idea on rulings)



4. I personally believe;  
The elderly love marking and umpiring, some individuals find it hard to play bowls or simply don't want to because they just love a game of social bowls.  
All individuals make mistakes and sometimes these things can't be prevented.  
I don't quite understand how the umpiring system works (how to get a qualification) but I think all umpires should be made to renew their certificate so they are up to date with new rulings etc..
  
5. I'm quite happy calling an umpiring, if a mistake happens so be... But in order to prevent these from happening further training may be required..  
Also depending on the event maybe more umpires are required.
  
6. I reckon with some umpires these days I am more confident measuring myself then getting old umpire come out and make a mistake at crucial time in game

And with that said and seeing you wanted some 'younger opinions', I'm guessing you wanted mine too..... Ha ha



In brief... string measures should be banned. (Particularly by umpires)  
Umpires and markers should use more common sense and not get involved if not needed or called upon. Eg. Markers getting in the head to decipher who is shot when a player is ready to play.... It's infuriating!  
Markers/umpires need to relax.... Often they are incredibly nervous and make simple errors.

The match is about the players.... Not the officials. The best officials have this philosophy and carry it out extremely well.  
Players need to have confidence that the officials are confident and professional..... not nervous or unsure of rules. Often International fixtures such as Com Games have some of the worst officials.

I could go on but that's just a couple of points. Please note, I don't tar all officials with the same brush but it's fantastic when you get a really good one.

I hope it helps and good luck with the forum.